

MODERNfamily

FINDING YOUR CALLING IS MESSY

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- **Open in prayer**

- **Introduction**

Finding your calling is messy.

What is life about? Have you bought the lie...instant success by your 20s, midlife crisis—is what you're doing really making a difference, latter years—are you wondering if it's all been worth it.

Jesus never said follow your dreams, He said follow me.

When you follow Jesus, He invites you into His dream...that's when you come alive.

You can't be anything you want to be, but you can be everything God has created you to be.

What is God's dream?

- **God is calling you to join Him in His redemptive mission.**

- **Read and discuss Genesis 12:1-4**

- Redemptive means to liberate, to redeem, to set free....He wants to set you free from sin, death and evil.

- This scripture is the Abrahamic Covenant...this is the reason we are a multi-ethnic church.

- God's grace is when He calls you to something He provides a way.

- o Share your story of how God has set you free.

- o Read and discuss Galatians 3:8. (Paul calls this the Gospel)

- **God will prepare you for this calling by stripping you of all that you depend on.**

- **Read and discuss Genesis 12:1.**

- God wants you to depend on Him instead of other things.

- o Is God calling your away from someone or something to prepare you for your calling?

- o What is it that you are depending on more than God?

- o What is holding you back from God's dream?

- o What are you not allowing God to take care of in your life?

- **God will bless you to bless to others.**

- **Read and discuss Genesis 12:2-3.**

- The great nation is not a country...it's the Church.

- He will bless you and make you great so that you will be a blessing.

- o What have you received in your life that God wants to use to bless others?

- o Are you using what you have to raise your standard of living or your standard of giving?

How Do You Find and Fight For Your Calling?

1. Embrace God's calling for your life.

- Read and discuss Matthew 22:37-40.

- The Great Commandment.

- o What does Jesus mean when He says all the law and the prophets hang on this? (HINT: Upward, Inward, Outward)

- o How does embracing the Great Commandment transform how you live and your relationships?

- o Discuss the following statement, He will give you the love and grace to live out who He's called you to be.

- **Read and discuss Mathew 28:18-20.**
- The Great Commission
 - o Who did God call us to reach?
 - o How are you joining God on His mission?
 - o Have you invited others to TC?
 - o Discuss this statement, Whatever we worship (love the most) we want others to worship (love the most).
 - o Read the Vision of TC and remind your group that it is a combination of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.
- 2. Identify what you're passionate about doing and work your butt off!**
 - **Read and discuss Colossians 3:23-24.**
 - Be passionate about what you do and work hard.
 - o What are you passionate about? Is that what you're doing? If not, why or why not?
 - o What does working with complete excellence (working your butt off) look like for you?
 - o Do you believe what you're passionate about is a form of worship and an opportunity to serving the Lord?
 - o How does the big vision of upward, inward, outward shape the way you are at work? At school? At Home? In your neighborhood?
 - o Read and discuss our Value of Excellence:
We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to ministry excellence. Ministry excellence is worship! Our systems and structures must function with excellence in order to steward the people of Transformation Church.
- 3. Don't let distractions steal your destiny.**
 - **Read and discuss Genesis 12:4a.**
 - God told Abraham to leave it all yet Lot went with him.
 - o Who is your Lot?
 - o What's distracting you from God's destiny for your life?
- 4. Calling isn't a destination, it's a journey.**
 - Upward, Inward, Outward never changes...but the details of your career may change.
 - o Are you looking over what God is doing right now by looking to the next place?
 - o Are you fully present where you are?
- 5. God will call you to sacrifice your dream to fulfill His mission.**
 - **Read and discuss Genesis 15:1 and Genesis 22:1-14.**
 - God is always the provider for that which He has called you to do...that's called grace.
 - God's redemptive story through Abraham is a picture of God's redemptive story through Jesus.
 - o What are you holding on to?
 - o What do you need to let go of so God can fulfill His mission in your life?
 - **Jesus is the greater Abraham who empowers us to find and fulfill our UIO (Upward, Inward, Outward) calling.**
 - **Soul-tattoo:**
 - 1. Be all in at TC.
 - 2. Redemptively cultivate your vocation.
 - **Close in prayer.**